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FARNSWORTH NAMED SBA VETERAN ADVOCATE

SANTA ANA, CALIF - Eugene Farnsworth, President and CEO of Allwest Geoscience, Inc., and a resident of Yorba Linda, has been named the 2004 Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Santa Ana District Office. He was also selected as one of SBA's Region IX Champions. Region IX includes California, Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada and Guam. SBA District Director Sandy Sutton said, "Eugene has a true passion for helping service disabled veteran owned small businesses." Allwest Geoscience, Inc. specializes in professional geotechnical engineering and consulting services, which include materials testing, surveying and environmental consulting throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.

Farnsworth was nominated by Joan Earhart, SBA Manager of Business Community Capital in Anaheim Hills. Earhart nominated Farnsworth for his efforts in helping pass State legislation granting disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE) 3 percent participation in State contracts. Farnsworth's recent legislative efforts include the Task Force for Veteran's Entrepreneurship, which focused on federal legislation that allows contracting officers the authority to issue sole source contracts to service disabled veteran enterprises.

In 2000, Farnsworth along with several other certified disabled veterans formed the Service Disabled Veteran Enterprise, LLC, a non-profit entity that assists disabled veterans. The company's motto is "Veterans Helping Veterans." Its website, DVBE.com, has helped more than 1500 veterans by profiling their company's products or services. Farnsworth is also a member of the California DVBE Alliance and the Los Angeles DVBE Network. He serves on the Outreach Committee for the Department of Veteran Affairs Advisory Council, which sponsors many workshops and educational programs throughout California. Farnsworth's advocacy efforts recently led him to support the formation of the Veterans Corporation, a national business

development corporation established to assist veteran-owned businesses with expanding and promoting their businesses.

Farnsworth will be recognized locally at the SBA Small Business Awards Luncheon on May 26, 2004 at The Grove of Anaheim as part of a nationwide salute to small business and advocates. For further information on the luncheon please contact the Orange County Small Business Development Center at (714) 564-5200.